

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS OF JIM QUELLO  
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WITH A DISTINGUISHED COMMUNICATIONS LEADER LIKE WE HAVE TODAY, I AGONIZED OVER HOW TO DELIVER A NOVEL, BELL-RINGING INTRODUCTION.

I THOUGHT BACK TO SOME OF THE MORE MEMORABLE INTRODUCTIONS I HAVE RECEIVED.

I DISCARDED THE IDEA OF A TERSE INTRODUCTION I RECEIVED SOME TIME AGO BEFORE A HEAVILY REGULATED INDUSTRY THAT I CONSIDERED NOVEL AND CHALLENGING.

AS I RECALL IT, THE SUCCINCT, HARD-HITTING EMCEE SAID "IT IS GENERALLY CONCEDED THAT WELL-KNOWN SPEAKERS NEED NO INTRODUCTION. TODAY WE HAVE A UNIVERSALLY KNOWN SPEAKER WHO CERTAINLY NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION - IN FACT, THE LESS SAID ABOUT HIM, THE BETTER, SO I GIVE YOU OUR DISTINGUISHED ANTAGONIST, COMMISSIONER JIM QUELLO."

I CONGRATULATED THE EMCEE FOR SUCH A NOVEL AND PROVOCATIVE INTRODUCTION AND SAID "I BELIEVE MY TAG AS "ANTAGONIST" MAY BE A BIT PREMATURE, BUT TESTIFIES TO YOUR EMCEE'S UNIQUE VISIONARY TALENT TO PROGNOSTICATE FUTURE FCC DEVELOPMENTS. *attitude*

TODAY, I PLAN TO BE SUCCINCT, BUT HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO REASON OR INCLINATION TO BE CHALLENGING OR CRITICAL.

LAST YEAR I WAS DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE BILL KENNARD, THE DISTINGUISHED, PROVOCATIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE FCC TO THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES. TODAY I AM DELIGHTED AND PRIVILEGED TO INTRODUCE THE CURRENT "STAR" OF THE COMMISSION.

COMMISSIONER POWELL IS UNIVERSALLY ACCLAIMED AMONG THE COMMUNICATIONS LEGAL, PRESS AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS AS A SUPER-BRIGHT FCC LUMINARY.

IN MY 23½ YEARS AT THE FCC, I HAVE OBSERVED AND SERVED WITH DOZENS OF COMMISSIONERS. AS A SEASONED OBSERVER, I WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE A RELATIVELY NEW COMMISSIONER POSSESSING THE IDEAL COMBINATION OF PRACTICAL COMMON SENSE, WISE JUDGMENT AND BRILLIANT LEGAL EXPERTISE.

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HE RECENTLY RECEIVED THE HIGHEST PRAISE IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF *BUSINESS WEEK* FROM SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AND A PROMINENT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

SO OUR SPEAKER TODAY REALLY DOESN'T NEED AN INTRODUCTION. HIS SUPERB RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

IT IS A REAL PLEASURE TO GIVE A ROUSING MICHIGAN STATE WELCOME TO A VALUED FRIEND, A SUPERB COMMISSIONER WITH AN IMPRESSIVE PRESENT AND A BRILLIANT FUTURE – COMMISSIONER MICHAEL POWELL!